

Amendments to the Claims:

Listing of the Claims:

1. (currently amended) An Extract of Acanthopanax koreanum containing ~~the~~ a water extract obtained by treating the root or stem of Acanthopanax koreanum with water, for ~~the~~ treatment ~~or prevention~~ of hepatitis, or as a liver protective drug.

2. (currently amended) The extract of claim 1, wherein the extract contains ~~the~~ an ethanol insoluble part obtained by treating the said water extract with ethanol, ~~among the said water extract obtained from the root or stem of Acanthopanax koreanum.~~

3. (currently amended) The extract of claim 2, wherein said ethanol insoluble part ~~extract~~ contains ~~the~~ a fraction containing polysaccharide with a molecular weight larger than range of 12,000~14,000, ~~among the said ethanol insoluble part obtained from the root or stem of Acanthopanax koreanum.~~

4. (currently amended) The extract of claim 2, wherein said ethanol insoluble part ~~extract~~ contains ~~the~~ a fraction containing polysaccharide with a molecular weight larger than 100,000, ~~among the said ethanol insoluble part obtained from the root or stem of Acanthopanax koreanum.~~

5. (currently amended) The extract of claim 2, wherein said extract contains ~~the~~ said ethanol insoluble part of which ~~the~~

a final concentration of ethanol used is in between 50 and 90%.

6. (currently amended) The extract of claim 2, wherein said extract contains ~~the~~ said ethanol insoluble part of which ~~the~~ a final concentration of ethanol used is 80%.

7. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition for ~~Therapeutic agent or preventor of~~ hepatitis containing the extract of Acanthopanax koreanum of any of claim 1 to claim 4 ~~as an effective ingredient.~~

8. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition for ~~Liver protective drug~~ containing the extract of Acanthopanax koreanum of any of claim 1 to claim 4 ~~as an effective ingredient.~~

9. (currently amended) A TNF- α inhibitor containing the extract of Acanthopanax koreanum of any of claim 1 to claim 4 ~~as an effective ingredient.~~

10. (currently amended) A Health supplementary food containing the extract of Acanthopanax koreanum of any of claim 1 to claim 4 ~~as an effective ingredient.~~